

EXHIBIT 8

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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4 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

5 v. (S9)10CR228 (LTS)

6 IRWIN LIPKIN,

7 Defendant.
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8 New York, NY
9 November 8, 2012
4:55 p.m.

10 Before:

11 HON. LAURA TAYLOR SWAIN

12 District Judge

13 APPEARANCES

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15 Southern District of New York
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16 LISA A. BARONI
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17 Assistant United States Attorneys

18 DAVID M. RICHMAN
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19 Attorneys for Defendant

20 ALSO PRESENT:
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21 Paul Takla, Special Agent, FBI
Patrick Duffy, Special Agent, FBI
22 Lisa Chan, Pretrial Services Officer
Rebecca Baskin, Paralegal, U.S. Attorney's Office

1 (Case called)

2 THE COURT: Good afternoon to everybody who is in
3 attendance here in court today; thank you for coming to court.

4 I understand that this is Mr. Lipkin's initial
5 appearance and that we are here today in contemplation of a
6 waiver of indictment and a plea of guilty to a 9th superseding
7 information in this case. Is that correct?

8 MR. MOORE: Yes, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: First, I would address the initial
10 appearance matter. So, Mr. Lipkin, would you please state your
11 full name.

12 THE DEFENDANT: Irwin Lipkin.

13 THE COURT: How old are you?

14 THE DEFENDANT: 74.

15 THE COURT: I will now explain certain rights that you
16 have under the Constitution of the United States. You have the
17 right to remain silent. You need not make any statement. Even
18 if you have already made statements to the authorities, you
19 need not make additional statements. Any statements that you
20 do make can be used against you.

21 Do you understand these rights?

22 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

23 THE COURT: You have the right to be released either
24 conditionally or unconditionally pending trial unless I find
25 that there are no conditions that would reasonably assure your

1 presence at future court hearings and the safety of the
2 community. If the government were to ask me to detain you
3 pending trial, you are entitled to a prompt hearing on whether
4 such conditions exist.

5 Do you understand this right?

6 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

7 THE COURT: The microphone is pretty powerful; why
8 don't you try not leaning forward but speaking as if I need to
9 hear you without the microphone and that should do it.

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

11 THE COURT: That works.

12 You have the right to be represented by an attorney
13 today and at all futures proceedings in this case. If you are
14 unable to afford an attorney, I will appoint an attorney to
15 represent you.

16 Do you understand these rights?

17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Do you wish to have and are you able to
19 obtain and afford counsel on your own?

20 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Have you retained Mr. Richman and
22 Mr. Redish to represent you?

23 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Am I correct in understanding that you are
25 not applying to have the court appoint counsel for you?

1 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

2 THE COURT: Are you a citizen of the United States?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Mr. Richman, I am going to ask you
5 formally, am I correct in understanding that Mr. Lipkin intends
6 to waive indictment and plead guilty to superseding information
7 (S9)10CR228 today.

8 MR. RICHMAN: You are correct, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Is the plea pursuant to the agreement that
10 has been signed and that has been marked Government Exhibit 1?

11 THE DEFENDANT: It is.

12 THE COURT: Has the executed advice of rights form
13 been marked as Court Exhibit 1?

14 MR. RICHMAN: I don't see anything marked on that.

15 THE COURT: The deputy indicates that she has not
16 written on it yet. I will refer to the advice of rights form
17 as Court Exhibit 1 and we will attend to that afterward.

18 MR. RICHMAN: We have signed it already, your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Yes.

20 Mr. Moore, would you make a statement as to victim
21 notification in connection with today's proceedings.

22 MR. MOORE: Yes, your Honor.

23 On Tuesday, November 6, the government published on
24 our public website the letter that your Honor endorsed the
25 prior day setting forth the charges and penalties that we

1 expect the defendant to plead guilty to today.

2 THE COURT: Thank you.

3 Mr. Lipkin, before I accept your waiver of indictment
4 and your guilty plea, there are a number of questions that I
5 must ask you while you are under oath to assure that the waiver
6 and plea are valid. At times, I may cover a point more than
7 once and I may cover matters that were also addressed in the
8 advice of rights form that you have seen. If that happens, it
9 is because it is very important that you understand what is
10 happening here today. In that connection, if you don't
11 understand something that I ask you, please say so, and I will
12 reword the question or you may speak with your attorney.

13 Do you understand that?

14 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

15 (Defendant sworn)

16 THE COURT: Would you please state your full name
17 again for the record.

18 THE DEFENDANT: Irwin Lipkin.

19 THE COURT: Mr. Lipkin, do you understand that you
20 have solemnly promised to tell the truth and that if you answer
21 any of my questions falsely, your false or untrue answers may
22 later be used against you in another prosecution for perjury or
23 making a false statement?

24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

25 THE COURT: You are 74 years old, is that correct?

1 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

2 THE COURT: How far did you go in school?

3 THE DEFENDANT: I graduated with an associate's degree
4 from Brooklyn College.

5 THE COURT: What field was the associate's degree in?

6 THE DEFENDANT: Accounting.

7 THE COURT: What types of work have you done since
8 finishing your formal education?

9 THE DEFENDANT: I worked for Bernard L. Madoff for all
10 those years.

11 THE COURT: For your entire career?

12 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

13 THE COURT: In what capacity?

14 THE DEFENDANT: I guess I was controller, accountant,
15 controller.

16 THE COURT: Are you able to read, speak and understand
17 the English language well?

18 THE DEFENDANT: Well enough.

19 THE COURT: Are you a citizen of the United States?

20 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Are you now or have you recently been
22 under the care of a doctor or a psychiatrist?

23 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

24 THE COURT: For what sort of condition?

25 THE DEFENDANT: I have a Foley bag. I have had

1 pneumonia twice in the last 3 or 4 months. I have been
2 hospitalized twice. I have been to therapy twice, physical
3 therapy twice.

4 THE COURT: The hospitalziation and the physical
5 therapy are for medical conditions, is that correct?

6 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

7 THE COURT: Do any of the medical problems that you
8 have described impair your ability to understand information or
9 make important decisions for yourself?

10 THE DEFENDANT: No, your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Are you on any medication that affects
12 your ability to understand information or make important
13 decisions for yourself?

14 THE DEFENDANT: No, your Honor.

15 THE COURT: In the past 24 hours have you taken any
16 drugs, medicine or pills, or drunk any alcohol?

17 THE DEFENDANT: In regards to pills and medication,
18 yes; alcohol, no.

19 THE COURT: Was it all prescribed medication?

20 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Have you taken it on the prescribed
22 schedule?

23 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Is your mind clear today?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Pardon me?

1 THE COURT: Is your mind clear today?

2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Under the circumstances are you feeling
4 well physically today?

5 THE DEFENDANT: Well enough.

6 THE COURT: Well enough to feel comfortable proceeding
7 with this plea today?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Are you represented by a lawyer here
10 today?

11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

12 THE COURT: What is your lawyer's name?

13 THE DEFENDANT: David Richman.

14 THE COURT: Mr. Richman, Mr. Moore, does either of you
15 have any doubt as to Mr. Lipkin's competence to waive
16 indictment and plead guilty at this time?

17 MR. MOORE: No, your Honor.

18 MR. RICHMAN: No, your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Mr. Lipkin, your attorney has informed me
20 that you want to enter a plea of guilty to a superseding
21 information charging you with certain crimes.

22 Do you want to plead guilty?

23 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Have you fully discussed your case with
25 your attorney, including the charges to which you intend to

1 plead guilty and any defenses that you may have to those
2 charges?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Have you and your attorney also discussed
5 the consequences of pleading guilty?

6 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Are you satisfied with your attorney and
8 his representation of you?

9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

10 THE COURT: On the basis of Mr. Lipkin's responses to
11 my questions and my observations of his demeanor, I find that
12 he is fully competent to waive indictment and enter an informed
13 plea at this time.

14 Mr. Lipkin, the document that contains the charges
15 against you is called an information. It has been issued by
16 the United States Attorney. You have a constitutional right to
17 be charged by an indictment rather than an information. An
18 indictment would be a charge issued from a grand jury.

19 Do you understand that?

20 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Mr. Richman, would you please show
22 Mr. Lipkin the waiver of indictment form.

23 Mr. Lipkin, have you signed this waiver of indictment?

24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I have, your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Before you signed it did you read it?

1 THE DEFENDANT: No, your Honor, I did not.

2 THE COURT: Did you discuss it with your attorney
3 before you signed it?

4 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Did you understand it before you signed
6 it?

7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Would you read it to yourself now.

9 THE DEFENDANT: OK.

10 (Pause)

11 THE DEFENDANT: I have, your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Do you understand it?

13 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Is that understanding consistent with the
15 discussion that you had with your attorney?

16 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Do you understand that if you don't waive
18 indictment, the government would have to bring these charges
19 before a grand jury if it wanted to prosecute you on them and
20 the grand jury might or might not decide to indict you on them?

21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Do you understand that you are under no
23 obligation to waive indictment?

24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Do you understand that by waiving

1 indictment, you are giving up your right to have these charges
2 presented to the grand jury?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Do you understand what a grand jury is?

5 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Has anyone given you anything or
7 threatened you or made you any promises to get to you waive
8 indictment?

9 THE DEFENDANT: No, your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Have you seen a copy of the ninth
11 superseding document, that is, the document with the charges in
12 it that has the number (S9)10CR228 at the top?

13 THE DEFENDANT: I am not sure, your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Mr. Richman, would you please show it to
15 Mr. Lipkin now. It is a document of approximately 21 pages.

16 (Pause)

17 THE DEFENDANT: Your Honor, in looking over these
18 pages, I remember seeing them quite a while ago.

19 THE COURT: Have you discussed these charges with your
20 attorney?

21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Do you feel comfortable that you
23 understand the charges against you that are detailed in that
24 information?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

1 THE COURT: If you want me to I can read the
2 information out loud to you here in court. Would you like me
3 to read it out loud for you now?

4 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

5 MR. RICHMAN: No.

6 THE DEFENDANT: No, your Honor, I am sorry.

7 THE COURT: If you want me to I will; if you don't
8 need me to I won't.

9 THE DEFENDANT: No. It's OK, your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Mr. Richman, would you make a
11 representation as to the extent and to confirm your discussion
12 of the contents of the information with Mr. Lipkin.

13 MR. RICHMAN: Certainly, your Honor.

14 The government has supplied us with a series of drafts
15 that have emerged over a period of time. I think Mr. Lipkin
16 may be confused by having seen a draft of a week or two or
17 three ago with the document that now appears that I received
18 from the government yesterday. But he has seen the document.
19 We have discussed the document. I believe he understands the
20 nature of the two charges that he is pleading guilty to and is
21 prepared to go forward at this time.

22 THE COURT: Mr. Lipkin, is that consistent with your
23 recollection of your discussions with Mr. Richman on this
24 topic?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

1 THE COURT: I find that Mr. Lipkin's waiver of
2 indictment is knowing and voluntary. I accept it and I so
3 order it.

4 Before I accept your guilty plea, Mr. Lipkin, I am
5 going to ask you some more questions. These questions are
6 intended to satisfy the court that you want to plead guilty
7 because you are in fact guilty and that you fully understand
8 your rights and the consequences of your plea.

9 Now I will describe certain rights that you have under
10 the Constitution and laws of the United States. You will be
11 giving up these rights if you plead guilty. Please listen
12 carefully. If you do not understand something that I am saying
13 or describing, stop me, and I or your attorney will explain it
14 more fully.

15 Under the Constitution and laws of the United States,
16 you have the right to a speedy and public trial by a jury on
17 the charges against you that are in the information.

18 Do you understand that?

19 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Do you understand that you have the right
21 to plead not guilty and to continue to plead not guilty to each
22 of the charges?

23 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

24 THE COURT: If there were a trial, you would be
25 presumed innocent and the government would be required to prove

1 you guilty by competent evidence and beyond a reasonable doubt.
2 You would not have to prove that you were innocent at a trial.

3 Do you understand that?

4 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

5 THE COURT: If there were a trial, a jury composed of
6 12 people selected from this district would have to agree
7 unanimously in order to find you guilty.

8 Do you understand that?

9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

10 THE COURT: If there were a trial, you would have the
11 right to be represented by an attorney at the trial and at all
12 other stages of the proceedings. If you could not afford one,
13 an attorney would be provided to you free of cost.

14 Do you understand that?

15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

16 THE COURT: If there were a trial, you would have the
17 right to see and hear all of the witnesses against you and your
18 attorney could cross-examine them. Also, you would have the
19 right to have your attorney object to the government's evidence
20 and offer evidence on your behalf if you so desired. Also, you
21 would have the right to have witnesses required to come to
22 court to testify in your defense, and you would have the right
23 to testify yourself, but you would not be required to testify.

24 Do you understand that all that?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Do you understand that if there were a
2 trial and you decided not to testify, no adverse inference
3 could be drawn against you based on your decision not to
4 testify?

5 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Do you understand that if you were
7 convicted at a trial, you would have the right the appeal that
8 verdict?

9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Do you understand each and every one of
11 the rights I have asked you about?

12 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Do you have any questions about any of
14 these rights?

15 THE DEFENDANT: No, your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Do you understand that by pleading guilty
17 today you will giving up each and every one of these rights?

18 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Do you also understand that you will be
20 giving up any possible claim that your constitutional rights
21 may have been violated and that you will have no trial?

22 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Do you understand that by pleading guilty
24 you will also have to give up your right not to incriminate
25 yourself because I will ask you questions about what you did in

1 order to satisfy myself that you are guilty as charged and you
2 will have to admit and acknowledge your guilt?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Do you understand that you can change your
5 mind right now and refuse to enter a plea of guilty; you do not
6 have to enter this plea if you do not want to for any reason?

7 Do you understand that fully?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Do you still want to plead guilty?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Do you understand that Count 1 of the
12 information charges with you conspiring to commit securities
13 fraud, falsify books and records of a broker/dealer, falsify
14 books and records of an investment advisor, make false filings
15 with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, and
16 falsify statements in relation to documents required by the
17 Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 as amended,
18 which we call ERISA, and that the government accuses you in
19 this connection of violating Title 18 U.S.C. Section 371?

20 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Do you understand that you are charged in
22 Count 2 of the information with making false statements in
23 relation to documents required by ERISA, in violation of
24 Section 1027 of Title 18 U.S.C. and Section 2 of Title 18?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Do you understand that the government
2 would have to prove each and every part or element of each of
3 these charges beyond a reasonable doubt at trial if you did not
4 plead guilty?

5 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

6 THE COURT: Mr. Moore, would you please explain the
7 matters that the government would have to prove if we were to
8 go to trial on the charges in the information.

9 MR. MOORE: Yes, your Honor.

10 With regard to Count 1, the conspiracy court, in order
11 to prove this crime, the government must establish each of the
12 following elements beyond a reasonable doubt: first, that the
13 conspiracy charged in the information in fact existed, in other
14 words, that there was in fact an agreement or understanding to
15 either violate the law of the United States or to defraud the
16 United States; second, your Honor, that the defendant
17 knowingly, willingly, and voluntarily became a member of the
18 conspiracy charged; and third, that any one of the
19 conspirators, not necessarily the defendant, knowingly
20 committed at least one overt act in the Southern District of
21 New York in furtherance of the conspiracy during the life of
22 that conspiracy.

23 With regard to Count 2, your Honor, falsifying
24 statements concerning ERISA, in order to prove this crime, the
25 government must prove beyond a reasonable doubt the following

1 essential elements: first, that at the time of the alleged
2 offense, the defendant made a false statement; second, that the
3 defendant knew the statement to be false; and third, that the
4 defendant made a false statement in a document required by
5 ERISA.

6 THE COURT: Thank you.

7 Mr. Lipkin, do you understand what the government
8 would have to prove if you did not plead guilty?

9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Do you understand that the maximum
11 possible penalty for the crime charged in Count 1 is 5 years of
12 imprisonment, plus a fine of the greatest of \$250,000, twice
13 the gain resulting from the offense or twice the loss to other
14 people resulting from the offense, plus a \$100 special
15 assessment, plus 3 years of supervised release after your term
16 of imprisonment, plus full restitution to all persons injured
17 by your criminal conduct?

18 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Do you understand that the maximum
20 possible penalty for the crime with which you are charged in
21 Count 2 is 5 years of imprisonment, plus a fine of the greatest
22 of \$250,000, twice the gain resulting from the offense or twice
23 the loss to other people resulting from the offense, plus a
24 \$100 special assessment, plus 3 years of supervised release
25 after your term of imprisonment, plus full restitution to all

1 persons injured by your criminal conduct?

2 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

3 THE COURT: Do you understand that the maximum
4 possible combined penalty for the two crimes to which you
5 propose to plead guilty is 10 years of imprisonment, plus a
6 fine of \$500,000 or, if greater, the sums of the relevant
7 gains, losses and statutory amounts relating to your offenses,
8 plus full restitution to all persons injured by your criminal
9 conduct, plus a \$200 mandatory special assessment, plus
10 supervised release for 3 years after your term of imprisonment.

11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

12 THE COURT: I will now give you some information and
13 verify your understanding of the supervised release aspect of
14 the potential penalties. Supervised release means that you
15 will be subject to monitoring when you are released from
16 prison. Terms and conditions will be imposed. If you violate
17 any of the set terms and conditions, you can be sent back to
18 prison without a jury trial.

19 If you are on supervised release and you do not comply
20 with any of the set terms and conditions, you can be sent back
21 to prison for the remainder of the term of supervised release.
22 You will you be given no credit for the time that you served in
23 prison as a result of your sentence and no credit for any time
24 spent on post-release supervision.

25 For example, if you received a prison term and then a

1 3-year term of supervised release, and after you left prison,
2 you lived up to the terms of supervised release for 2 years but
3 then you violated some term of the supervised release, you
4 could be sent back to prison for 3 whole years.

5 Do you understand that?

6 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Do you also understand that if I accept
8 your guilty plea and adjudge you guilty, that adjudication may
9 deprive you of valuable civil rights, such as the right to
10 vote, the right to hold public office, the right to serve on a
11 jury, and the right to possess any kind of firearm?

12 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Under current law there are sentencing
14 guidelines that judges must consider in determining your
15 sentence. Has your attorney spoken to you about the sentencing
16 guidelines?

17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Do you understand that in determining your
19 sentence, the court must calculate the applicable sentencing
20 guidelines range and consider that range, possible departures
21 under the sentencing guidelines, and other sentencing factors
22 under Title 18 U.S.C. Section 3553(a)?

23 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Do you understand that the court has
25 discretion while taking the guidelines into account to sentence

1 you to any period of imprisonment from time-served all the way
2 up to the statutory maximum of 10 years?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Do you understand that even though the
5 plea agreement includes a stipulated or agreed sentencing
6 guidelines calculation, the court will not be able to determine
7 your sentence until after a presentence report has been
8 completed by the probation department and you and the
9 government have had a chance to challenge any of the facts
10 reported by the probation office?

11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Do you understand that you may have the
13 right to appeal your sentence under certain circumstances, even
14 if your plea agreement provides that you are waiving your right
15 to appeal?

16 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Do you understand that if your attorney or
18 anyone else has attempted to estimate or predict what your
19 sentence will be, their estimate or prediction could be wrong?

20 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

21 THE COURT: No one, not even your attorney or the
22 government, can or should give you any assurance of what your
23 sentence will be because your sentence cannot be determined
24 until after the probation office report is completed and I have
25 ruled on the challenges to the report and I have determined

1 what the appropriate sentence is.

2 Do you understand that?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Do you also fully understand that even if
5 your sentence is different from what your attorney or anyone
6 else told you it might be or if it is different from what you
7 expect, you will be still bound to your guilty plea and you
8 will not be allowed to withdraw your guilty plea?

9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Mr. Richman, would you please show
11 Mr. Lipkin page 3 of the plea agreement which is Government
12 Exhibit 1.

13 MR. RICHMAN: I am doing that, your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Thank you.

15 Mr. Lipkin, this agreement provides that the
16 stipulated sentencing guidelines range is 10 years of
17 imprisonment.

18 Do you understand that this stipulation does not bind
19 the court or the probation department as to the facts on which
20 it is based, as to how to apply the guidelines to the facts, or
21 as to what will be an appropriate sentence in your case?

22 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Do you understand that I may decide to
24 impose a sentence that is different from the guidelines
25 sentence?

1 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

2 THE COURT: Are you now serving any state or federal
3 sentence or are you being prosecuted for any other crime?

4 THE DEFENDANT: No, your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Do you understand that the superseding
6 information also includes a forfeiture allegation in which the
7 government asserts that you are required to forfeit to the
8 United States all property real and personal that constitutes
9 or is derived from proceeds traceable to the commission of the
10 crimes charged in Counts 1 and 2?

11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Would you look again please at the plea
13 agreement which is Government Exhibit 1. Mr. Lipkin, have you
14 signed this agreement?

15 (Pause)

16 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I did sign it, your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Did you read it before you signed it?

18 THE DEFENDANT: I gave it a cursory look, your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Did you discuss it thoroughly with your
20 attorney before you signed it?

21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Were you certain that you fully understood
23 the agreement before you signed it?

24 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Would you like any further opportunity to

1 read it now?

2 THE DEFENDANT: No, your Honor.

3 THE COURT: The record will reflect that Mr. Lipkin
4 did look at certain pages of the agreement before making that
5 response.

6 Mr. Richman, would you please explain for the court
7 the extent of your discussions of that agreement with
8 Mr. Lipkin before today.

9 MR. RICHMAN: Well, our discussions started as far as
10 back as when I began to represent Mr. Lipkin, explaining the
11 various consequences and alternatives and things that might
12 happen in the case. The government initially supplied me with
13 a draft of an agreement back in the month of August when we
14 were originally going down this path. We discussed, Mr. Lipkin
15 and I discussed the draft of that agreement at that time. We
16 have discussed it on several occasions since then. I believe
17 Mr. Lipkin understands the terms and conditions of this
18 agreement and what its implications and consequences are.

19 THE COURT: Were the terms of the draft agreement or
20 agreements that you discussed consistent substantively with the
21 terms of this final agreement that has been signed?

22 MR. RICHMAN: They did. They do.

23 THE COURT: You explained all these terms to
24 Mr. Lipkin.

25 MR. RICHMAN: On several different occasions.

1 THE COURT: Mr. Lipkin, does the agreement as
2 explained to you as you have had an opportunity to look at it
3 today reflect accurately your complete and total understanding
4 of the entire agreement between the government, your attorney,
5 and you?

6 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Is everything that you understand about
8 your plea and sentence covered in the agreement as it has been
9 explained to you and as you have been able to see today?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Has anything that you understand been left
12 out?

13 THE DEFENDANT: No, your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Has anyone made any promises to you other
15 than what is detailed in that plea agreement or threatened you
16 or forced you to plead guilty or enter into the plea agreement?

17 THE DEFENDANT: No, your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Do you understand that on pages 2 and 3,
19 this agreement includes stipulations that you agree to the
20 following facts: that the offenses involved a loss amount of
21 more than \$400 million, that your offenses involved more than
22 250 victims, that your offenses involved sophisticated means,
23 that your offenses substantially endangered the solvency or
24 financial security of 100 or more victims, and that at the time
25 of the offenses, you were a registered broker or dealer or

1 person associated with a broker or dealer and/or an investment
2 advisor?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Do you understand that these facts affect
5 the sentencing calculations under the sentencing guidelines?

6 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Do you understand that you are under no
8 obligation to agree with the government as to any of these
9 facts?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Do you understand that on page 2, the
12 agreement provides that you are admitting the forfeiture
13 allegation in the information and that you agree that you must
14 forfeit to the United States property including but not limited
15 to \$170 billion in United States currency as well as certain
16 property enumerated in the information?

17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Do you understand that you are under no
19 obligation to make an agreement with the government as to any
20 property or amount of money that you are required to forfeit?

21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Do you understand that anything that you
23 do forfeit will not count against any other fine, penalty, or
24 restitution that the court may impose as part of your sentence?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Mr. Richman and Mr. Moore, is it the
2 parties' intention that a consent order of forfeiture will be
3 prepared at some point before sentencing?

4 MR. MOORE: That's correct, your Honor.

5 MR. RICHMAN: That's my understanding, your Honor.

6 MR. MOORE: Your Honor, if the government could have
7 one moment with defense counsel before we proceed.

8 THE COURT: Yes.

9 (Pause)

10 MR. MOORE: Thank you, your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Is there anything that needs to be put on
12 the record?

13 MR. MOORE: Nothing, your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Thank you.

15 Mr. Lipkin, do you understand that on page 5, this
16 plea agreement provides that you are giving up or waiving your
17 right to appeal, to litigate or to challenge your sentence,
18 under Title 28 Sections 2255 and/or 2241, as well as your right
19 to seek a sentence reduction under Title 18 Section 3582(c), if
20 I sentence you to 10 or fewer years of imprisonment?

21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Do you understand that you are under no
23 obligation to waive your right to appeal or otherwise litigate
24 any sentence?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Do you understand that on page 5, your
2 agreement provides that you will not appeal any supervised
3 release term of 3 years or less?

4 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Do you understand that you are under no
6 obligation to waive your right to appeal any supervised release
7 term that is imposed?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Do you understand that on page 3, your
10 agreement provides that you will not move for a downward
11 departure under the sentencing guidelines or seek any
12 adjustment under the guidelines that is not described in the
13 plea agreement except that you can apply for a health-related
14 downward departure and you can make arguments for a lower
15 sentence under the general sentencing statute that is known as
16 Section 3553(a)?

17 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Do you understand that you are under no
19 obligation to agree to restrictions on your right to ask for a
20 lower sentence?

21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Do you understand that the plea agreement
23 provides that you will not appeal any forfeiture order of \$170
24 billion or less?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Do you understand that you are under no
2 obligation to waive your right to appeal the forfeiture order?

3 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

4 THE COURT: Do you still want to plead guilty pursuant
5 to this agreement?

6 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Do you understand that even if the
8 government does not oppose or take a position on what your
9 attorney will ask as a sentence, I am free to impose whatever
10 sentence I believe is appropriate under the circumstances and
11 the applicable law, and you will have no right to withdraw your
12 plea?

13 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Mr. Richman, do you know of any valid
15 reason why Mr. Lipkin would prevail at trial?

16 MR. RICHMAN: I do not, your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Do you know of any reason why he should
18 not be permitted to plead guilty?

19 MR. RICHMAN: No, your Honor.

20 THE COURT: Mr. Lipkin, would you please tell me now
21 what makes you guilty of the two crimes, what you did that
22 makes you guilty of the two crimes to which you are pleading
23 guilty.

24 THE DEFENDANT: Your Honor, I appear today pursuant to
25 an agreement with the government regarding my entering a guilty

1 plea to the crimes of conspiracy and falsifying certain
2 financial records of my employer of some 35 years, the
3 securities firm formerly known as Bernard L. Madoff Investment
4 Securities. I was Madoff's first employee starting in 1964.
5 Eventually, I became controller of Madoff Securities. I
6 retired in 1998. I remained on the Madoff payroll along with
7 my wife Carol to enable both of us to appear eligible for
8 continuing financial perks such as health insurance and 401K
9 benefits and in Carol's case Social Security benefits.

10 By maintaining two noshow jobs for Carol and me and my
11 filing false ERISA 5500 forms, I perpetrated criminal acts.

12 While the conduct I am pleading guilty to today
13 relates to my employment at Madoff Securities, I would like the
14 court to know that at no time before I retired was I ever aware
15 of Mr. Madoff or anyone else in the company was engaged in the
16 Ponzi scheme reported in the media.

17 My belief in Bernie Madoff's trading skills were such
18 that I encouraged my own family to invest their money in
19 accounts managed by Mr. Madoff. In fact, my wife, my sons, and
20 my grandchildren invested and lost virtually all of their money
21 with Mr. Madoff. As it turns out, these investments never
22 existed, and the family faces financial ruin.

23 While working for Bernie Madoff, I made accounting
24 entries in financial records that I knew were inaccurate.
25 Moreover, I knew the documents containing these false entries

1 were to be filed with various regulatory authorities. These
2 filings helped Mr. Madoff run the Ponzi scheme that harmed
3 thousands of people.

4 I am truly sorry that I contributed in any way to the
5 massive harm done so to many victims.

6 As Madoff's controller, I was responsible for
7 preparing and maintaining certain financial books and records,
8 which included (a) the general ledger, (b) the stock records,
9 (c) FOCUS reports, and (d) the firm's annual financial
10 statement. I understand that the numbers in the general ledger
11 and the stock records, some of which were false, went into the
12 firm's financial, annual financial statements, which in turn
13 were sent to some customers. The FOCUS reports were to be
14 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on a
15 monthly, quarterly, and annual basis. I knew these reports
16 were to be accurate and certified as accurate when filed.
17 Until 1998, I signed FOCUS reports that I knew to be inaccurate
18 as directed by Mr. Madoff. By following Mr. Madoff's
19 directions, I violated the federal securities laws.

20 Sorry, your Honor.

21 I also assisted Mr. Madoff in performing internal
22 audits of the many securities positions held by him and the
23 company.

24 @@I helped Bernie Madoff create records and books, the
25 general ledger and the FOCUS reports so he could deliver

1 promised financial returns to his customers. In a nutshell,
2 the entries typically came at the end of the financial
3 reporting period. They were created to enable the company to
4 report particular profit and loss numbers. I changed the P&L
5 numbers when Bernie would tell me what he wanted.

6 I made false entries in the company's books and
7 records to reflect the adjustments to the value of certain
8 securities. At Bernie's direction, I would change the value of
9 certain securities in our records, and from time to time, as
10 directed, I entered false securities to our stock records to
11 artificially depress P&L and to impact Bernie's tax liability.

12 Bernie was frequently audited by both the IRS and the
13 New York State taxing authorities. It was common in our
14 business. The company's income was reported on Mr. Madoff's
15 tax returns, which I believe was inaccurate. Since Mr. Madoff
16 directed our outside accountant how much income to report, I
17 made changes to the general ledger as Mr. Madoff instructed me.

18 During these tax audits, the books and records were
19 altered to corroborate the information that Bernie was
20 supplying to the IRS. For example, during the IRS audit in
21 1992, at Bernie's request, I made revisions to the 1992 general
22 ledger several years after the fact so documents would appear
23 to be consistent with Bernie's tax returns.

24 I also made sham trades in our families' investment
25 accounts in November of 2001 when I called Annette Bongiorno

1 and asked her to locate a transaction to enable me to reduce my
2 long-term capital gain for that period. She canceled the
3 original purchase of Johnson & Johnson shares after the
4 original transaction occurred.

5 In December of 2002, I again asked Annette to create
6 losses in my IA account and those of my sons'. According to my
7 monthly statements, I learned she created backdated trades that
8 reflected purported purchases of the stock of Micron Technology
9 which resulted in the losses I sought.

10 Finally, since Carol and I were represented to be
11 employees of Madoff Securities, when we were not, the labor
12 department form 5500 was false, which violated federal law.
13 Not only was the 5500 form unlawfully provided to the
14 Department of Labor, it was also provided to the third-party
15 administrator of the Madoff health plan.

16 Thank you, your Honor.

17 THE COURT: I have some questions for you.

18 As to the 5500 form, were you directly involved in the
19 preparation or filing of any of the forms that falsely showed
20 yourself and your wife as employees?

21 THE DEFENDANT: To be perfectly honest with you, your
22 Honor, that was 10 or 12 years ago and I really don't remember.

23 THE COURT: Was your wife improperly carried on the
24 5500 form while you were still controller?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Again, I don't really remember because

1 it was so long ago. She may have been; I am not sure.

2 THE COURT: So what's your understanding of the
3 factual basis for your being guilty of falsifying statements in
4 relation to the 5500s or aiding and abetting that falsification?

5 You can turn talk to your attorney about this first if
6 you would like to.

7 (Pause)

8 THE DEFENDANT: Your Honor, in discussing with my
9 attorney, I remember that, yes, she was on the 5500 at my
10 awareness.

11 THE COURT: At what time?

12 THE DEFENDANT: Pardon me?

13 THE COURT: When was that that you were aware that she
14 was on the 5500s?

15 THE DEFENDANT: It had to be probably late in the
16 1990s, because at some point in time she was on the books and
17 she actually worked there.

18 THE COURT: Did she stop actually working there prior
19 to 1998?

20 THE DEFENDANT: More than likely, yes, your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Tell me a little bit why you feel it's
22 likely that it was before 1998.

23 THE DEFENDANT: Since I was doing the books, I
24 remember paying her and what I used to do was take half of my
25 salary and give it to her on the books. So I know that she was

1 on the books at that point.

2 THE COURT: Would allocating half of your salary to
3 her have made her either ineligible for plans that were being
4 reported on the 5500s or made false the precise information
5 that was reported about her on these forms?

6 THE DEFENDANT: Well, the problem is I don't remember
7 exactly when she stopped working. So, at a certain point in
8 time I just kept her on the books as half of my salary, that's
9 all, and I don't remember the dates in question so far as her
10 stopping work and so forth.

11 THE COURT: That's why I am asking you these
12 questions, because if, while she was working, what was reported
13 to the Department of Labor was correct about her being an
14 employee and, for instance, the salary basis on which her 401K
15 contributions were reported and that was true all the time that
16 you were actually doing the 5500s or supervising the 5500s,
17 then I have not yet heard a basis for making a conclusion that
18 you are guilty of Count 2 or the part of Count 1 that puts you
19 in the conspiracy to falsify 5500s.

20 So, I need you to remember that you are under oath
21 right now and I need the truth as best you can recollect it,
22 and if you don't have a recollection that puts it at that
23 specific date point, you can tell me that. I am going to be
24 asking the government to make some representations as to the
25 evidence that it has. But I need your best truthful

1 recollection to the extent you have it. So you don't need to
2 speculate, you shouldn't be making anything up for me, but I
3 need to know what's in your mind and what you know.

4 THE DEFENDANT: As I said, your Honor, probably up
5 through the early 1990s or so she was on the books and I am
6 pretty sure she was working at that time for us when she was
7 needed. So, as some point in time I guess closer to my
8 retirement was when she probably stopped working. I still kept
9 her on the books.

10 THE COURT: That's when you started switching over
11 part of your salary?

12 THE DEFENDANT: Yes.

13 THE COURT: When you put the false information into
14 the books and records and made the changes that you were
15 talking about, did you know that the information that you were
16 putting in was false, was wrong at that time?

17 THE DEFENDANT: Would you please repeat that.

18 THE COURT: You told me that you changed P&L numbers,
19 that you put in stock record information that was wrong, and
20 that you knew that documents you were putting that information
21 into would be going to customers, going to the SEC under
22 certain circumstances. When you put those numbers in at
23 Mr. Madoff's request or otherwise, did you know at the time
24 that they were wrong, that they were false?

25 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Are you sure? Are you sure that you knew
2 they were false? I am asking if you are telling me the truth
3 on that.

4 THE DEFENDANT: To my recollection, yes.

5 THE COURT: Did you know that what you were doing was
6 wrong and illegal at that time?

7 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Does the government wish any further
9 factual information to be addressed in Mr. Lipkin's allocution?

10 MR. MOORE: No. Thank you, your Honor.

11 THE COURT: Mr. Moore, would you please summarize the
12 government's evidence against Mr. Lipkin.

13 MR. MOORE: Yes, your Honor.

14 If this case had proceeded to trial, the government
15 would have proven beyond a reasonable doubt through witness
16 testimony, documents and other evidence, the following:

17 Mr. Lipkin was employed at BLMIS from in or about 1964
18 when he was the first outside employee hired by Bernard L.
19 Madoff. He continued his employment through in or about 1998.
20 In his role as the controller of BLMIS, Lipkin created false
21 and misleading entries in the BLMIS general ledger and stock
22 records, as well as the supporting books and records that were
23 designed among other things to manipulate BLMIS' profit and
24 loss numbers or P&L numbers.

25 Specifically, beginning at least as early as the mid

1 1970s, Mr. Lipkin made false entries with respect to BLMIS' P&L
2 in the books and records of the firm. On an approximately
3 monthly basis, Lipkin changed the P&L numbers at the direction
4 of Bernard Madoff. As a result of these false entries made in
5 the BLMIS books and records by Lipkin and the BLMIS director of
6 operations Daniel Bonventre, BLMIS' general ledger, stock
7 record, FOCUS report and other documents were false and
8 misleading. As an SEC registered broker/dealer, BLMIS was
9 required to file FOCUS reports on a monthly, quarterly, and
10 annual basis, as well as annual financial statements.

11 The information contained in the BLMIS FOCUS reports
12 and the annual financial statements concerning BLMIS's assets,
13 liabilities, revenues and expenses was derived principally from
14 information reported in the BLMIS general ledger and the stock
15 record. The FOCUS reports and the annual financial statements
16 filed by BLMIS with regulators and provided to various BLMIS
17 investment advisory customers failed to reflect accurately the
18 P&L of BLMIS because the actual P&L numbers had been altered by
19 Lipkin, Bonventre, and others.

20 When Mr. Lipkin retired from BLMIS in or around 1998,
21 he instructed Enrica Cotellessa-Pitz on how to manipulate the
22 revenues at BLMIS in order to reach a particular P&L result and
23 allow the fraud at BLMIS to continue.

24 In addition, since in or about at least 1975, Lipkin
25 and his wife Carol maintained their own personal investment

1 advisory accounts at BLMIS. On multiple occasions Lipkin
2 requested that Annette Bongiorno execute fake, back-dated
3 trades in his personal account and the accounts of his family
4 members. In order to reduce Lipkin's capital gains income, at
5 his request, Bongiorno would either (1) cancel the sales of
6 shares in Lipkin's account well after those sales purportedly
7 had occurred or (2) document purported purchases of shares near
8 the monthly high price and purported sales of these shares near
9 the monthly low price weeks later. No such trades actually
10 occurred.

11 In fact, your Honor, at paragraph 28 of the
12 information, the government has included the text of one of
13 Mr. Lipkin's written requests to Annette Bongiorno which
14 Ms. Bongiorno reflected upon. The text of that note reads:
15 Dear Annette, please set up losses in the following accounts.
16 It then goes on to list Mr. Lipkin's accounts where he requests
17 a \$125,000 loss to one account, a \$40,000 loss in another
18 account, and a \$30,000 loss in the final account. The note
19 goes on to continue to read: These are about what each will
20 need. Thanks. I will see you in Florida next month. Love,
21 Irwin.

22 With regard to the noshow jobs, your Honor, Lipkin
23 arranged for he and his wife to have noshow jobs at BLMIS from
24 which they received income from a purported salary. They
25 received healthcare benefits, 401K, and other benefits to which

1 they were not entitled. Ms. Carol Lipkin was never an official
2 employee of BLMIS and she was never officially part of the
3 books. There is some indication that Mr. Lipkin has a side
4 agreement with his own wife in which he would share half of his
5 salary with her. However, at no time was Ms. Lipkin ever on
6 the official books and records of BLMIS as an employee.

7 Now, of course, after Mr. Lipkin retired in 1998, both
8 he and his wife remained employees, well, had noshow jobs at
9 BLMIS where they were reflected on the 5500 forms that were
10 sent to the Department of Labor. As Eric Lipkin, Mr. Lipkin's
11 son, reported and previously testified when he pled guilty, he
12 reported a higher number of employees on the 5500s than in fact
13 worked at BLMIS. So, in fact, Mr. Lipkin caused false filings
14 to be made through the 5500 forms to the Department of Labor.

15 THE COURT: You are saying that preretirement as well,
16 that the government's representation is that the evidence would
17 show that Mrs. Lipkin was not actually an employee in the legal
18 sense of BLMIS and was reflected nonetheless as an employee on
19 the 5500s that were filed while Mr. Lipkin was the controller.

20 MR. MOORE: That's correct, your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Thank you.

22 Will you make those representations regarding the
23 broker/dealer and investment advisor status of the company
24 insofar as an element of the charges of falsification of the
25 records.

1 MR. MOORE: Yes, your Honor. BLMIS at all times was
2 operating as a broker/dealer. In 2006, they officially
3 registered as an SEC investment advisor. However, as we have
4 now learned, they have always had investment advisor accounts
5 when they were supposed to have registered with the SEC as an
6 investment advisor. Therefore, BLMIS was also always in fact
7 acting as an investment advisor; they had just not notified the
8 proper authorities that they had been doing so.

9 THE COURT: Thank you.

10 Mr. Lipkin, how do you now plead to the charge against
11 you in Count 1 of the information, the conspiracy count, not
12 guilty or guilty?

13 THE DEFENDANT: Guilty, your Honor.

14 THE COURT: How do you now plead to the charge against
15 you in Count 2 of the information, false ERISA-related filings
16 count, not guilty or guilty?

17 THE DEFENDANT: Guilty, your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Are you pleading guilty to each of these
19 charges because you are in fact guilty of the conduct charged?

20 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Are you pleading guilty to each of these
22 charges voluntarily and of your own free will?

23 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

24 THE COURT: Do you admit that you are required to
25 forfeit property including money in the amount of \$170 billion?

1 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

2 THE COURT: Are you making this admission voluntarily
3 and of your own free will?

4 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Mr. Richman, please show Mr. Lipkin Court
6 Exhibit 1, the advice of rights form.

7 Mr. Lipkin, have you signed this form?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Did you discuss it with your attorney
10 before you signed it?

11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I did, your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Did you read it before you signed it?

13 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Did you understand it when you signed it?

15 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Mr. Richman, did you also review and sign
17 Court Exhibit 1?

18 MR. RICHMAN: I did, your Honor.

19 THE COURT: Mr. Richman, are there any other questions
20 that you believe I should ask Mr. Lipkin in connection with
21 this plea?

22 MR. RICHMAN: Not at this time, your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Mr. Moore, are there any other questions
24 that the government believes I should ask in connection with
25 the plea.

1 MR. MOORE: No, your Honor. The government just adds
2 that BLMIS at all times was operating in the Southern District
3 of New York.

4 THE COURT: Thank you.

5 That was at the 885 Third Avenue address?

6 MR. MOORE: Correct.

7 THE COURT: Mr. Lipkin, you have acknowledged that you
8 are guilty as charged in the information. I find that you know
9 your rights and that you are waiving them voluntarily. Because
10 your plea is entered knowingly and voluntarily and is supported
11 by an independent basis in fact containing each of the
12 essential elements of each of the charged offenses, I accept
13 your guilty plea and I adjudge you guilty of the offenses
14 charged in Counts 1 and 2 of information number (S9)10CR228.

15 Mr. Richman, do you want to be present for any
16 interview of Mr. Lipkin in connection with the preparation of
17 the presentence report?

18 MR. RICHMAN: Yes, your Honor.

19 THE COURT: I will make that direction.

20 Sentencing date please, Ms. Eng.

21 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Friday, March 22, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

22 THE COURT: Is everybody available on March 22, 2013
23 at 2:00 in the afternoon?

24 MR. MOORE: Yes, your Honor.

25 MR. RICHMAN: Yes, your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Sentencing is set for March 22, 2013 at
2 2:00 p.m.

3 Counsel, please make sure to get any objections or
4 other comments back to probation promptly after the draft
5 presentence report is disclosed. Mr. Moore, please make sure
6 that the government's factual statement is provided to
7 probation within the next two weeks.

8 MR. MOORE: Yes, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Mr. Richman, if you have not been
10 contacted by probation to schedule an interview within the next
11 two weeks, please reach out to probation to make sure that
12 happens promptly.

13 MR. RICHMAN: I shall.

14 THE COURT: Counsel, please review my sentencing
15 submission procedures as published on the court's website.
16 They are also available here in hard copy in the courtroom.
17 Make sure that your submissions are compliant with those
18 procedures.

19 MR. MOORE: Yes, your Honor.

20 MR. RICHMAN: Yes, your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Thank you.

22 Mr. Lipkin, the probation office will be preparing a
23 presentence report to assist me in sentencing you. You will be
24 interviewed by the probation office. It is important that the
25 information that you give to the probation officer be truthful

1 and accurate. The report is important in my decision as to
2 what your sentence will be. You and your attorney have a right
3 and will have an opportunity to examine the report, to
4 challenge and to comment on it and to speak on your behalf
5 before sentencing. Failing to be truthful with the probation
6 office and the court may have an adverse effect on your
7 sentence and may subject you to prosecution.

8 Do you understand that?

9 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Thank you.

11 Do the parties have a proposal for the court as to
12 release conditions?

13 MR. MOORE: We do, your Honor. The parties have a
14 proposed bail package for your consideration. The package
15 consists of a \$1.5 million personal recognizance bond cosigned
16 by three financially responsible persons, secured by \$250,000
17 in cash or property, and that none of that cash or property
18 could come from the proceeds of the fraud or from any
19 forfeitable funds pursuant to *Nebbia*, regular pretrial
20 supervision, travel restricted to the Southern District of New
21 York, the District of New Jersey and the District of
22 Connecticut. Mr. Lipkin and his wife must surrender their
23 passports and submit no new applications for travel.

24 Your Honor, finally, the government would suggest that
25 these conditions be met by November 19 of this year. The

1 government believes that this packages would be sufficient to
2 ensure the defendant's appearance and that it meets the
3 standards set forth in 3143 of the bail statute.

4 THE COURT: Thank you.

5 Officer Chan, does the pretrial services department
6 concur in the government's recommendation of these conditions
7 as sufficient to satisfy the statutory criteria?

8 MS. CHAN: Yes, your Honor. Just for clarification,
9 does the government want both passports of Mr. Lipkin and his
10 wife.

11 MR. MOORE: The government requests both passports,
12 your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Thank you.

14 MR. RICHMAN: We have no problem with the passports
15 issue. We do have an issue that I think I need to address with
16 you in a few days with respect to the amount of money the
17 government is looking for to secure these bonds. We have been
18 trying desperately to come with the assets. Mr. Moore and
19 Ms. Baroni and I have talked about this on one or two occasions
20 before appearing here today. I don't want to see Mr. Lipkin
21 incarcerated. He just has been impoverished by the
22 consequences of what has gone on here.

23 So I would just like the court to give us an
24 opportunity to report back whether we can meet these conditions
25 or whether they are a little too onerous and can be modified so

1 that we can meet them and bail can then serve the purpose for
2 which it's really designed.

3 THE COURT: Mr. Moore, do you wish to be heard further
4 on that?

5 MR. MOORE: No, your Honor. From the government's
6 perspective we believe the \$250,000 cash or property
7 requirement should be included in the package to meet the
8 requirements of the 3143 bail statute. These are very serious
9 crimes that Mr. Lipkin has admitted. He still has some assets
10 available to him. We believe \$250,000 cash securement is
11 perfectly reasonable in this instance.

12 THE COURT: Mr. Richman, do you have any objection to
13 my granting the bail, putting in place the bail package tonight
14 as outlined by Mr. Moore, including the \$250,000 requirement
15 and the November 19 deadline for meeting that requirement which
16 is a week from Monday.

17 MR. RICHMAN: The answer is I don't have any
18 principles objection to that, if I have the opportunity after
19 we scour whatever we have to scour to see what assets we can
20 put up to satisfy the requirements of this bail package.

21 THE COURT: You have all next week and the following
22 Monday.

23 MR. RICHMAN: I don't want to sandbag the court and
24 say woe is me, we can't do this. I am saying we are going to
25 have a hard time if we can do it at all. I don't want 5, 10

1 \$20,000 to be the reason that we might be in violation of
2 something the government asking for the court to impose.

3 THE COURT: I appreciate the advance notice that there
4 may be such an application. I trust that you appreciate as
5 well that the court has been persuaded that it is appropriate
6 that there be some serious amount of security and what I have
7 heard generally now is that the \$250,000 the government
8 represents is an appropriate amount and I am assuming that the
9 government believes that that ought to be a feasible amount and
10 it's not proposing that amount with the intention of making
11 that a barrier to Mr. Lipkin's ability to make bail.

12 I will listen to any application. I will hear it in
13 terms of what you present to me.

14 MR. RICHMAN: Thank you.

15 THE COURT: I will consider it in the context of the
16 statute.

17 MR. RICHMAN: Thank you, your Honor.

18 THE COURT: I need to type up the bail disposition
19 form now. I will read to you all what I have written on it to
20 make sure that it is accurate and acceptable to all parties.

21 MR. MOORE: Thank you, your Honor. With those
22 conditions, we would agree to Mr. Lipkin being released on his
23 own signature tonight.

24 THE COURT: Thank you.

25 (Pause)

1 MR. MOORE: Your Honor, pretrial services officer Chan
2 has informed me that Mr. Lipkin will be supervised in the
3 district of his residence which is in New Jersey, in case your
4 Honor needs to make a notation of that.

5 THE COURT: Officer Chan, would you prefer that I note
6 that in the conditions?

7 MS. CHAN: Yes, please.

8 (Pause)

9 THE COURT: Do we want to put on the record that
10 Mr. Lipkin has provided to officer Chan a passport. Is that
11 Mr. Lipkin's own passport as opposed to his wife's.

12 MR. RICHMAN: Correct.

13 THE COURT: Let me read to you what I have written
14 here. I will let Mr. Richman get back to his seat.

15 (Pause)

16 THE COURT: This is what I have written as the bail
17 disposition: \$1.5 million PRB, personal recognizance bond,
18 with 3 FRPs, financially responsible persons, and \$250,000 cash
19 or property security, parens, *Nebbia* compliant, regular
20 supervision, travel restricted to S.D.N.Y., D.N.J., D. CON.,
21 that's District of Connecticut. Defendant and wife to
22 surrender all travel documents and no new applications.
23 Defendant may be released on own recognizance with all
24 conditions to be met by 11/19/2012. Defendant to be supervised
25 by district of residence.

1 Does that cover everything?

2 MR. MOORE: Yes, your Honor.

3 THE COURT: All right. Let me print this out and I
4 will sign 5 copies of it.

5 (Pause)

6 THE COURT: Mr. Moore, you will Shepard through the
7 magistrate clerk's office what needs to be Shepard in.

8 MR. MOORE: Yes, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: Mr. Lipkin, do you understand the
10 conditions on which you are being released?

11 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I do, your Honor.

12 THE COURT: Do you understand that the consequences of
13 violating any of those conditions can be severe?

14 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Do you also understand that if you fail to
16 return to my courtroom for sentencing on the date and time set,
17 you will be guilty of the criminal act for which you could be
18 sentenced to imprisonment separate and apart from and in
19 addition to any other sentence that you might receive for the
20 crimes to which you have just pled guilty?

21 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Then I fully expect to see you on the date
23 of sentencing.

24 Ms. Eng, is there a paper that Mr. Lipkin will have to
25 take to the probation in order to commence the process of

1 preparing the presentence report?

2 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Yes.

3 THE COURT: Probation is currently on the 5th floor of
4 this building, is that correct?

5 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Yes.

6 THE COURT: I don't know if they are still around this
7 evening, but promptly, Mr. Lipkin, you will need to go to our
8 probation department with the paper that Ms. Eng will be giving
9 you to set up the paperwork. Do you understand that?

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor, but I do have a
11 problem and that's travel. I am not at this moment able to
12 drive and neither can my wife.

13 THE COURT: Ms. Eng, please call the number to see if
14 anybody is in probation now.

15 (Pause)

16 THE COURT: Due to the storm people are in places
17 other than where they usually are.

18 (Pause)

19 THE COURT: Mr. Moore, may I ask your assistance in
20 working with Mr. Richman and probation to see whether the
21 interviews can be done at Mr. Lipkin's home or by telephone.

22 MR. MOORE: We will work with counsel, yes, your
23 Honor.

24 THE COURT: Thank you; I appreciate that.

25 MR. RICHMAN: We will do so, your Honor.

1 THE COURT: All right. Is there anything else that we
2 all need to take up together this evening?

3 MR. MOORE: No, your Honor. Thank you.

4 MR. RICHMAN: No, your Honor.

5 THE COURT: Thank you all.

6 Thank you officer Chan.

7 Safe travel and good health.

8 We are adjourned.

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